

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Hovermale's Tastes Best Inventory Number: PG: 80-25

Address: 9011 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, Prince George's County, Maryland

Owner: John Hovermale, et al., 613 Cedar Avenue, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Tax Parcel Number: 97 Tax Map Number: PG 114 A3

Project MD 210: I-95/495 to MD 228 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: no X yes Name: Jill Dowling Date: 06/01/1997

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☒ G ☐ None

Is property located within a historic district? X no ___ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: X no — yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Identification Study for MD 210: I-95/495 to MD 228

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

Hovermale's Tastes Best Ice Cream Stand is a small, one-story painted concrete block and glass commercial buildings with a rectangular plan, shallow shed-composition roof sloped to the west extending over the building to shelter walk-up customers, and a large plate glass show window. With typical signage and color scheme, it is a good example of purpose-built, mid-twentieth century roadside architecture.

In its coordination letter of December 8, 2000, the MHT stated the opinion that Hovermale's Tastes Best is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Because of that opinion, the SHA will consider the property as eligible for the National Register for the purposes of Section 106 identification assessment of effect for the above-referenced project.

Prepared by: Jill Dowling

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Consideration A B C D E F G None

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR Program

Date _____

Date _____

10. Geographical Data (continued)

Survey No.:

PG: 80-25

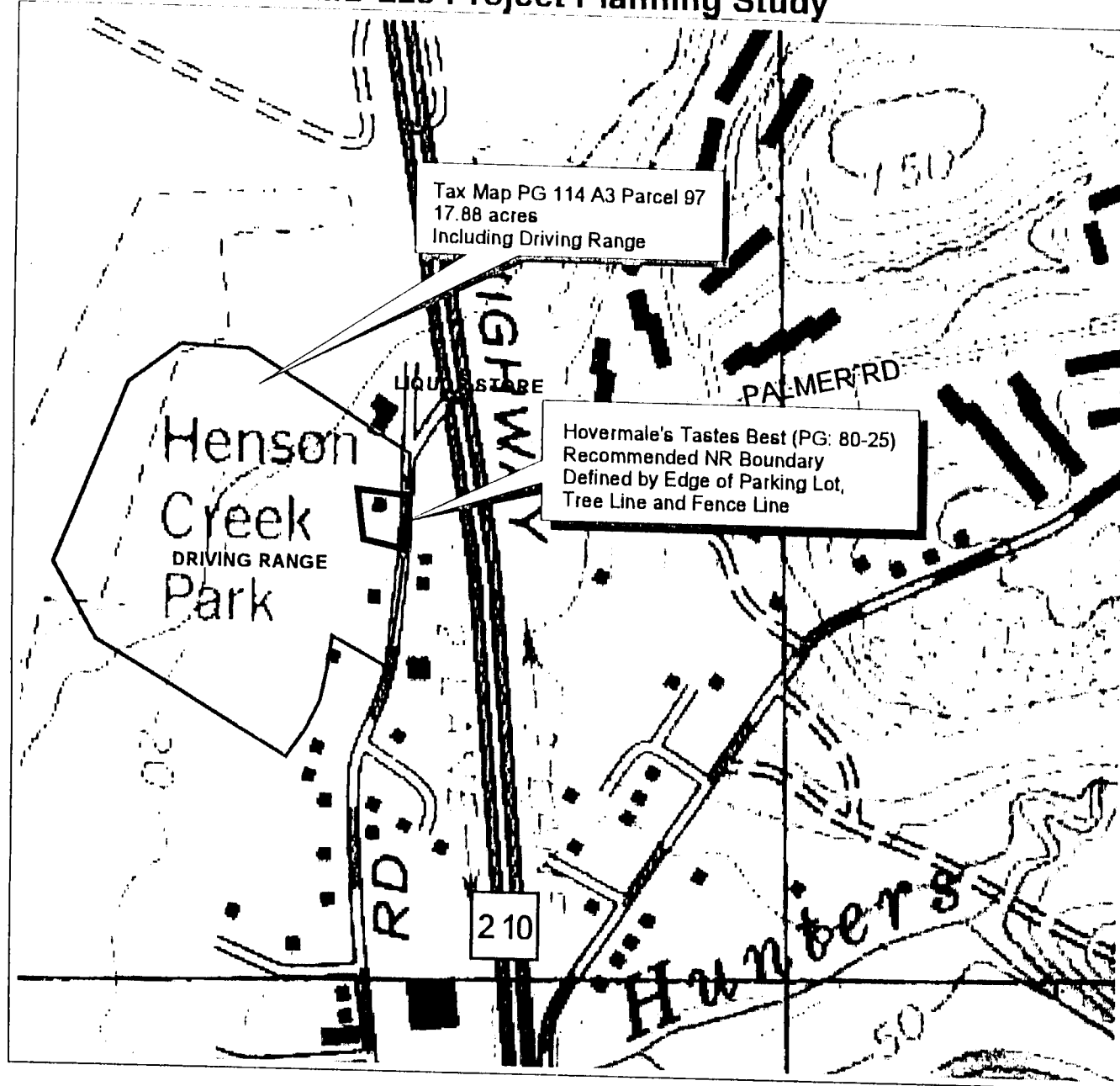
Verbal boundary description and justification*

a National Register boundary for Hovermale's Tastes Best encompasses the "outdoor room" in which the significant building is situated. It is defined on the ground by the edge of the parking lot pavement, a tree line, and a fence line. These features define the ice cream stand as separate from the driving range that shares its 17.88 tax parcel (Tax Map PG 114 A3 Parcel 97). The National Register boundary is a 4-sided trapezoid, with each side measuring approximately 300' and encompassing approximately 2 acres. The boundary is illustrated on attached maps: one using a digital orthographic photo and the other the USGS Anacostia Quadrangle as base maps.

The National Register boundary includes all of the contributing components of the significant resource, i.e., the ice cream stand building. It excludes components of the property that do not contribute to the significance of the resource, i.e., the driving range and neighboring liquor store. There are no non-contributing components located within the resource boundary.

* Prepared by Katry Harris, Architectural Historian, Maryland State Highway Administration, January 16, 2001.

ML 10: I-495 to MD 228 Project Planning Study



Hovermale's Tastes Best
Recommended NR Boundary
USGS 7.5' Quadrangle Base Map

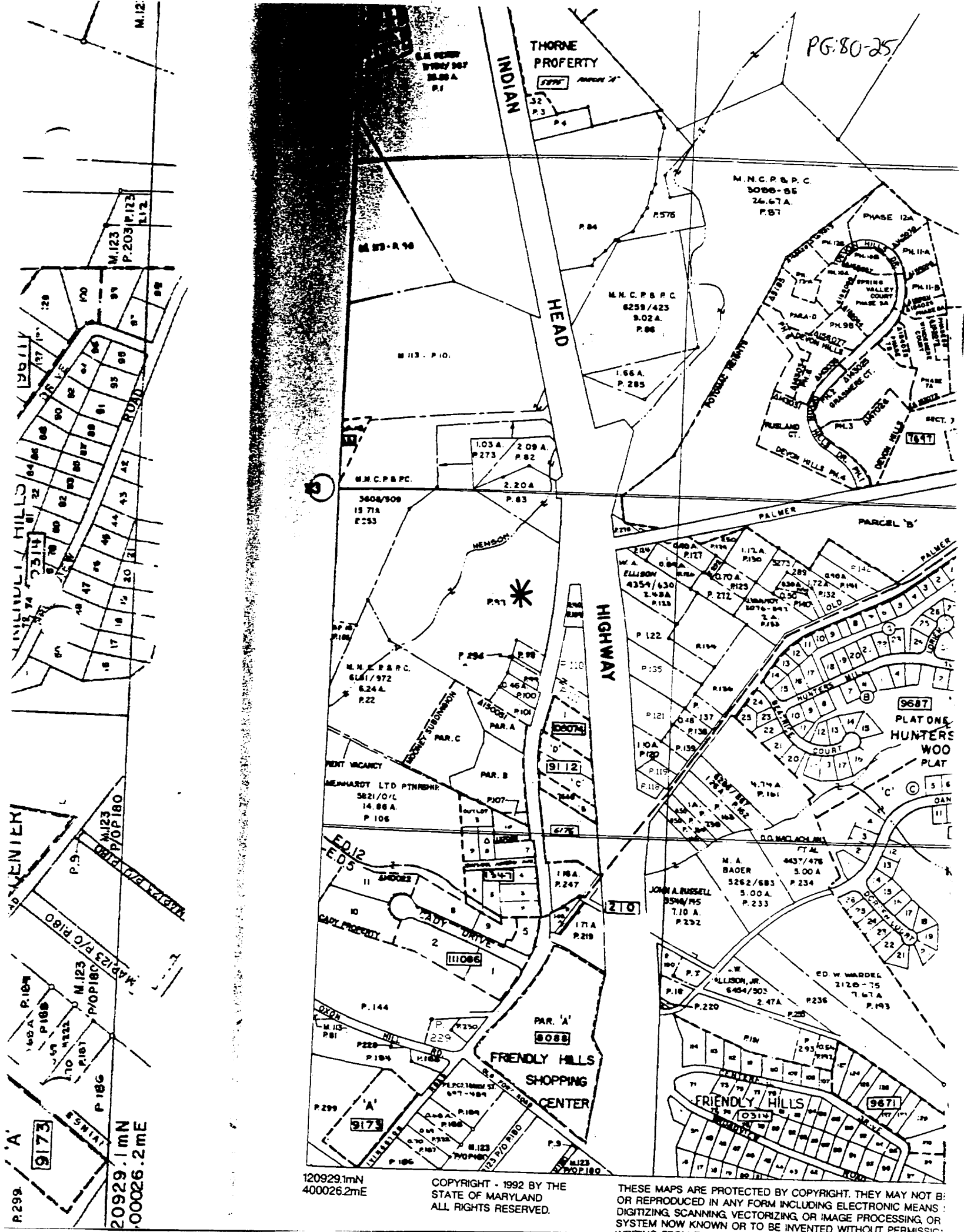
Prince George's County
Anacostia Quad

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: 80-25 Building Date: 1954
Building Name: Hovermale's Tastes Best
Location: 9011 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, Maryland

Private/Roadside Stand/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description Summary

Hovermale's Tastes Best Ice Cream Stand at 9011 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, (Parcel 97, Tax Map 114) is a small one-story painted concrete block and glass commercial building with a rectangular plan; a shallow shed composition roof slopes to the rear (west). The roof projects over the main (east) facade to form a sheltered, walk-up service area. The cantilevered roof is supported by two slender metal supports. The main facade is composed of large plate glass show windows with small inset service windows at counter level. The plate glass windows wrap around almost one-half of the side elevations of the building (to the north and south). The building has essentially no applied decoration and relies on rooftop and window signage to advertise the business it houses. A two-sided rectangular wood sign on the roof identifies the building. The text of the sign includes "Hovermale's" in large type and the words "Tastes Best" in smaller type placed over a painted outline of a soft ice cream cone at the eastern (roadside) end of the sign. The masonry elements of the building are painted white; the roof cornice support columns and base of the building are painted blue.

Significance Summary

Hovermale's Tastes Best Ice Cream Stand at 9011 Livingston Road in Oxon Hill is significant as a good example of purpose-built, mid-twentieth century roadside architecture. Although the building has no applied decoration, its characteristic massing, color scheme and signage are typical of roadside commercial buildings from the period which were frequently designed to accommodate seasonal business ventures. Hovermale's Tastes Best was built by Bruce and Orpha Hovermale during the winter of 1953-1954 on a 17.88 acre parcel they had acquired in September of 1953. The stand opened for business on June 21, 1954, and since that time has been continuously operated by members of the Hovermale family. The building is a recognizable and familiar landmark near the intersection of Livingston Road and Indian Head Highway.

Acreage: 17.88 acres

PG # 80-25

Hovermale's Tastes Best
9011 Livingston Road
Oxon Hill, Maryland

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods:

Modern Period - AD 1930 -- Present

Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Functions and Uses: Roadside Stand

Design Source: Bruce Hovermale

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. PG #80-25

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hovermale's Tastes Best

2. Location

street & number 9011 Livingston Road not for publication

city, town Oxon Hill vicinity of congressional district 4th

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Orpha C. Hovermale

street & number 6806 Bock Road, S.E. telephone no.:

city, town Oxon Hill state and zip code Maryland 20744

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 1649

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 204

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. PG #80-25

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The building is surrounded by a large parking area and is set back approximately 25 feet from the west side of Livingston Road south of its intersection with Indian Head Highway.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1954 Builder/Architect Bruce Hovermale/Builder

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☒ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Hovermale's Tastes Best was built by Bruce and Orpha Hovermale during the winter of 1953-1954 on a 17.88 acre parcel they had acquired in September of 1953.¹ Bruce Hovermale, an electrician, did the lighting and electrical work, and contractors were engaged for masonry and carpentry. The stand opened for business on June 21, 1954, and since that time has been continuously operated by members of the Hovermale family. The stand is operated seasonally from March to November by Carl Hovermale, son of the original owners.²

¹See Prince George's County Land Records, 1649:204.

²Oral interview, Carl Hovermale, 4 June 1993, Oxon Hill, Maryland.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG #80-25

See Notes, Section #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 17.88 acres

(Parcel 97, TM #114)

Quadrangle name AnacostiaQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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CHAIN OF TITLE

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Hovermale's "Taste Best" Ice Cream
9011 Livingston Road
Fort Washington

1649:204
2 September 1953
Deed

Heirs at law of John H. Sansbury (deceased) and heirs at law of Ruth V. McNamara (deceased daughter of John H. Sansbury) to Bruce and Orpha C. Hovermale. Grantors convey 17.88 acre tract in Oxon Hill District (Tax Map 114, Parcel 97). Same obtained by John H. Sansbury from James W.H. Sansbury, etal, 21 April 1908, 47:89.

47:89
21 April 1908
Deed

James W. H. Sansbury and Mary S. Sansbury, Richard and Ella N. Sansbury and Samuel Oden Sansbury to John H. Sansbury as heirs at law of Eliel F. Sansbury (deceased) to John H. Sansbury. Grantors convey 55+ acre tract in Oxon Hill District. Same obtained by Eliel F. Sansbury from Matilda A. Sansbury, 13 June 1885, JWB5:220.

JWB5:220
13 June 1885
Deed

Matilda A. Sansbury to Eliel F. Sansbury. Grantor conveys parcel of land containing 51 acres on 55+ acres clean of roads. To clear title, this deed is made.

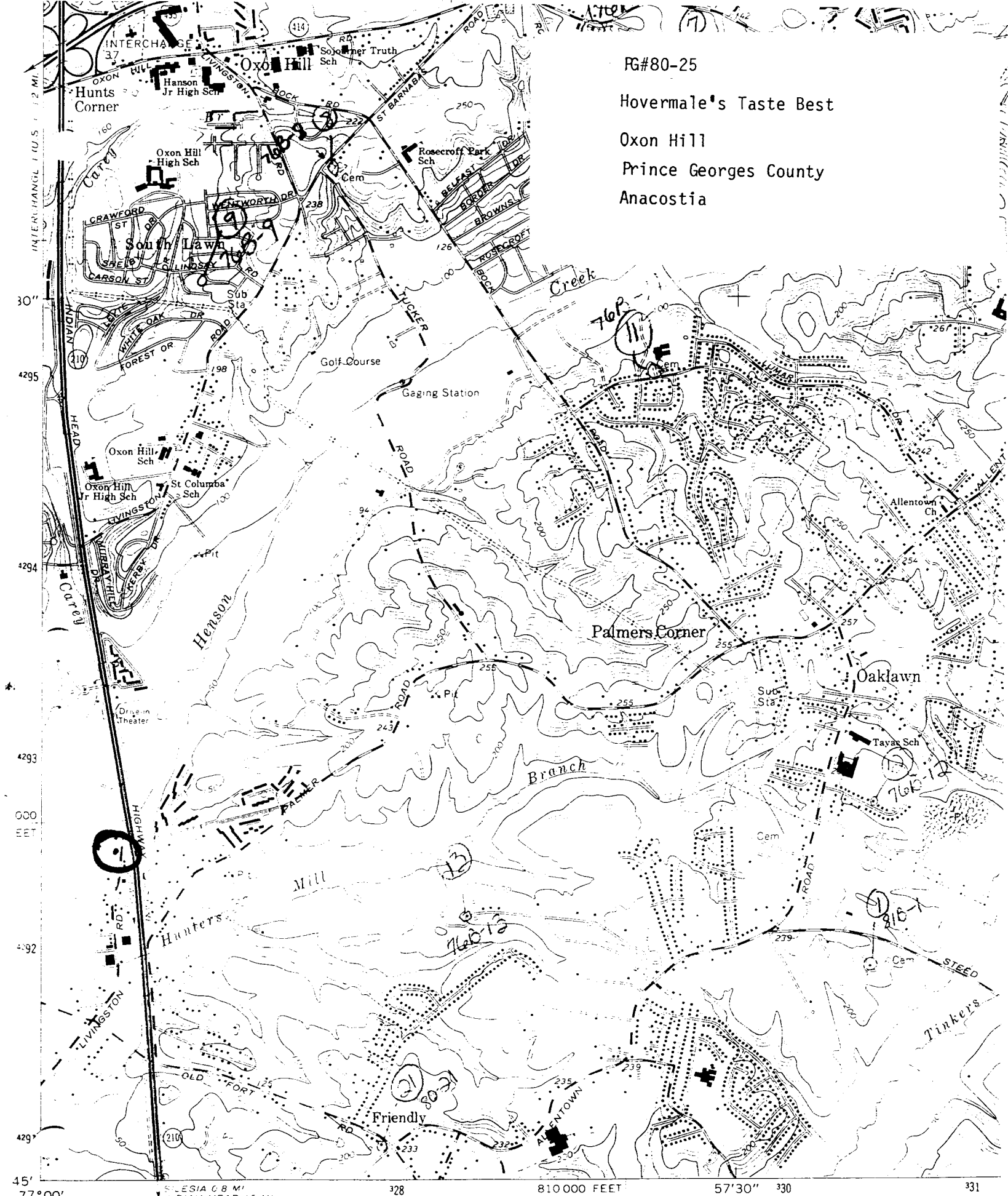
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Hovermale's Taste Best

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